



Remarks

Restriction/Election

The Applicant affirms that claims 1-20 were elected for prosecution, without traverse, in a teleconference with the Examiner on May 24, 2005. Claims 21-25 are hereby cancelled.

Rejection of claims under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 11, 14 and 15 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102 as being anticipated by Japanese patent 5-332655.

Claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 11, 14 and 15 have been cancelled, and therefore the rejection of these claims as being anticipated over the cited reference is now rendered moot.

Rejection of claims under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 3 and 16 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being obvious over Japanese patent 5-332655; claims 6-8 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being obvious over Japanese patent 5-332655 in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,073,458 ("Kim"); and claims 12 and 13 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being obvious over Japanese patent 5-332655 in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,220,049 ("Lajeunesse").

Claims 3, 6-8, 12, 13 and 16 have been cancelled, and therefore the rejections of these claims as being obvious over the cited references is now rendered moot.

Allowed and Allowable claims

Claims 17-20 have been allowed. Claim 9 has been indicated as being allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of the base claim, and any intervening claims.

Claim 9 has been amended to include the limitations of independent claim 1 (from which claim 9 originally depended), and should now be in allowable form.

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